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In re Application of :
Toru Morita :
Application No. 09/488,373 : DECISION GRANTING PETITION
Filed: January 20, 2000 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2)
Attorney Docket No. SCEI 16.895 :
(100809-16084) :

This is a decision on the petition, filed November 29, 2006, under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on November 8, 2006 in the above-identified application cannot be refunded. If, however, the above-identified application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.¹

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3218.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center AU 2615 for processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and for consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement.

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¹ *The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal Form (along with any balance due at the time of submission). Petitioner is advised that the Issue Fee Transmittal Form must be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment.*



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Date : December 6, 2006
TO : Director, Office of Patent Publication
FROM : Office of Petitions
SUBJECT : Withdrawal from Issue of Application No. 09/488,373

Applicant(s) : Toru Morita
Application No. : 09/488,373
Filed : January 20, 2000

The above-identified application has been assigned Patent No. 7,151,971 and an issue date of December 19, 2006.

It is hereby directed that this application be withdrawn from issue at the request of the applicant. Do not refund the issue fee.

The following erratum should be published in the Official Gazette if the above-identified application is published in the OG of December 19, 2006:

"All reference to Patent No. 7,151,971 to Toru Morita of Pennsylvania for METHOD FOR GENERATING PLAYBACK SOUND, ELECTRONIC DEVICE, AND ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM FOR GENERATING PLAYBACK SOUND appearing in the Official Gazette of December 19, 2006 should be deleted since no patent was granted."

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